

Obituary Notices

M. W. B. BULMAN, M.D., M.S., F.R.C.S., F.R.C.O.G.

Mr. M. W. B. Bulman, senior consultant obstetrician and gynaecologist to the Norwich, Great Yarmouth, and Lowestoft Hospital Group until his retirement in 1963, died in Norwich on 29 November. He was 70.

Michael Waldo Boone Bulman was born on 17 July 1898, one of the three children of Henry Bulman, an artist of repute, and his wife, who was an Oxford graduate. He was educated at Battersea Grammar School and studied medicine at the London Hospital, where he had a brilliant student career. His studies were interrupted by the first world war, during which he served as a surgeon probationer in destroyers. After demobilization he returned to his studies, and graduated M.B., B.S. in 1919. He held resident posts at his teaching hospital, where he was house-surgeon to the late Mr. Sherren, and at Salford Royal Hospital, where he was house-surgeon to the late Mr. Jefferson. He took the Conjoint diploma in 1922, and the M.S. and F.R.C.S. the following year. He proceeded M.D. in 1925, and was elected F.R.C.O.G. in 1938. In 1924 he was appointed to the honorary staff of the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, practising as a general surgeon until deciding to specialize in obstetrics and gynaecology, the first in East

Anglia to do so. With his gift of inspiring confidence, his calm and unruffled approach, and the skill of his operating technique, he rapidly built up an extensive practice in his specialty, a department of which he founded at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital.

In spite of a busy professional life he undertook numerous responsible public duties. He was a president of the Norwich Round Table, and later of the Norwich Rotary Club, a city councillor throughout the second world war, chairman from 1943 onwards of Norfolk Agricultural Wages Committee and of the Post-war Development Committee. He was enthusiastic in the foundation of the New University of East Anglia. A member for many years of the British Medical Association, he was a member of the Representative Body in 1924, and chairman of the Norwich Division from 1933 to 1935. In 1961 he was chairman of the local executive committee of the British Association during the meeting of the Association in Norwich. The highlight of his public life was his election as Lord Mayor of his adopted city, an office which he and his wife filled with dignity and charm. His year of office coincided with the tercentenary of Norwich, Connecticut, when with his wife he crossed the Atlantic to represent the mother city at the celebrations, where his qualities made a deep impression on his American hosts. Over the centuries Norwich has been gifted with many illustrious medical citizens; among these Michael Bulman will rank high.

To his wife, Muriel, a daughter of the late Professor Hewlett, of King's College Hospital, and his children, Geoffrey and Diana, the sympathy of his colleagues and numerous friends and admirers is extended.—B. B. M.



(E. J. Taylor)

F. H. CORBITT, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.M.

Dr. F. H. Corbitt, consultant psychiatrist and deputy medical superintendent, Greaves Hall Hospital, Banks, near Southport, died after a short illness at his home in Southport on 9 December at the age of 46.

Frank Hartley Corbitt was born at Oldham on 1 July 1922, and received his medical education at Leeds University, qualifying with the Conjoint diploma in 1949. He was in general practice at Oldham for a few months in 1949 before serving in the R.A.M.C. for two years. On demobilization in 1951 he became a junior hospital medical officer at Cranage Hall Hospital, Cheshire, where he was able to study the problems of mentally subnormal patients. In 1953 he moved to Parkside Hospital, Macclesfield, where he obtained a registrar post in general psychiatry. He returned to the field of mental subnormality in 1956, when he was promoted to a senior hospital medical officer post at Stallington Hall Hospital, Staffordshire. He took the D.P.M. in 1957, and was appointed to the post of deputy medical superintendent

at Greaves Hall Hospital, Banks, near Southport, in 1960. He was graded consultant psychiatrist in 1963. During the last three years he was gradually developing private practice in Southport in addition to consultant work at the Preston child guidance clinic.

Frank Corbitt will be sadly missed by his many friends and colleagues, the staff of the hospital and associated units, and by his patients. His calm, unassuming, yet friendly manner made him popular with both staff and patients, whom he treated alike with equal consideration. Kind and sympathetic to the mentally subnormal patients in his care, he was always concerned with their welfare. He concerned himself with staff functions, became chairman of the hospital's social committee, and took a great interest in the promoting of sporting activities. Having been a good athlete at school, he continued to enjoy active participation in outdoor games, particularly tennis. His interests were varied and he was a keen photographer.

He was devoted to his family, and he particularly enjoyed the holidays which they spent together in Scotland. He faced the inevitable outcome of his final illness with remarkable composure and courage, leaving a deep impression on his colleagues and friends. He was sustained to the end by the devoted care and support of his wife, Marie. To her and their two daughters we extend our deepest sympathy.—A. S. C.

H. McC. HANSHELL, D.S.C.

M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.T.M.&H.

Dr. H. McC. Hanschell, for many years pathologist and director of the venereal diseases clinic at the Albert Dock Hospital, London, died at Oxford on 2 December at the age of 88.

Hother McCormick Hanschell, son of the founder of a Danish shipping firm in Barbados, was born in Barbados in 1880 and came to Britain for his education. He was educated at Malvern College and St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, qualifying with the Conjoint diploma in 1907. He went back to Barbados, where he was acting port medical officer in 1907-8. Returning to Britain, he took the D.T.M.&H. in 1911, and became senior demonstrator at the London School of Tropical Medicine. He was a member of the Colonial Office Commission on yellow fever in the Gold Coast in 1913-14, and during the first world war served in the Royal Navy. From 1915 to 1917 he was medical officer to the Lake Tanganyika expedition, for which he was awarded the D.S.C. He was demobilized in 1919, and the following year was appointed pathologist and director of the venereal diseases clinic of the Seamen's Hospital Society at the Connaught Hospital (now the Albert Dock Hospital), and continued in this work, including dermatology and minor surgery, until his retirement in 1950. During the second world war he was medical superintendent in the Emergency Medical Service at the Albert Dock Hospital. Dr. Hanschell served his term as vice-president of the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, and was president of the Medical Society for the Study of Venereal Diseases, and honorary life governor of the Seamen's Hospital Society. Among his interests in tropical diseases were pseudo-syphilis (bejel) and lymphogranuloma venereum, for which he made available a skin test prepared from bubo secretion before the introduction of the Frei test.

Dr. Hanschell was a genial and courteous colleague, renowned for his humour and wit in discussions and after-dinner speeches. In the second world war he was in charge of the Albert Dock Hospital, and there during the "phony war" of 1939-40 he organized competitions, lectures, and various entertainments which kept his staff content; when

the air raids came he remained on duty day and night. His charming character did much to maintain the highest morale among the students and nurses with him in this heavily bombed area. At work his patient came first and he would often interrupt an outpatient clinic to perform without delay a necessary minor surgical procedure.

Dr. Hanschell lived in retirement at Oxford, and never returned to the hospital he had loved and served so well.—D. E.

**A. G. STEWART, M.A., M.B., CH.B.
F.R.C.S.ED.**

Dr. A. G. Stewart, formerly medical superintendent of Paddington Hospital, London, and Addington Hospital, Durban, died in Durban on 15 May after a long illness. He was 83.

Augustus George Stewart was born in Garmouth, Morayshire, Scotland, on 3 July 1884, and was educated at Elgin Academy and Aberdeen University, where he graduated M.A. in 1905 and M.B., Ch.B. in 1909, winning the Keith gold medal for surgery and the bronze medal for midwifery. In 1918 he took the F.R.C.S.ED. In 1910 he was appointed medical superintendent of Paddington Hospital, London, which post he held until 1922. During that time, in conjunction with Sir Charles Wilson (later Lord Moran), of St. Mary's Hospital, he was instrumental in linking up the two hospitals. During the first world war he served in the R.A.M.C., and saw service in the Middle East, attaining the rank of colonel. In 1922 he went to Addington Hospital, Durban, South Africa, as medical superintendent, which post he held until he retired in 1940. During that time he introduced many changes in the running of the hospital, one of the most important being the election and payment of the visiting staff. During his early years at this hospital he performed the major part of the surgery carried out there and initiated new work. On retirement he became director of medical services to the Province of Natal for a time.

Dr. Stewart was an active and engaging personality, and made many friends wherever he worked or lived. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

He is survived by his wife, to whom we extend our very sincere sympathy.—C.D.S.A.

S. KENT, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.M.

Dr. S. Kent, consultant psychiatrist and deputy medical superintendent, St. Matthew's Hospital, Burntwood, near Walsall, Staffs, died in a road accident on 8 October. He was 56.

Stephen Kent was born at Stepney, London, on 12 July 1912, and was educated at Stepney Grammar School and University College Hospital, qualifying with the Conjoint diploma in 1935. After qualification he was appointed house-physician at University College Hospital. During the second world war he served with the medical branch of the Royal Air Force. After demobilization in 1946 with the rank of wing commander, he took the D.P.M. in 1947, and was

appointed assistant psychiatrist at Park Prewett Hospital, Basingstoke. In 1951 he came to St. Matthew's Hospital as consultant psychiatrist, and held this post at the time of his death.

He was a sound clinician with considerable administrative ability. The latter coupled with seemingly unlimited energy enabled him to get through a larger-than-average amount of work. He had the respect of his colleagues, and was regarded with affection by his patients, who responded to his likable, outgoing personality. He lived life to the full, and when not engaged in the work which meant so much to him took an active part in social life. He had always been a keen sportsman, and even in his later years was no mean exponent at tennis and squash. He will be greatly missed, but long remembered.

To his wife and three children we extend our deepest sympathy.—J. L. C.

C. S. CARTER, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

Dr. C. S. Carter, a general practitioner at Wollaston, Northamptonshire, for nearly 25 years, died suddenly at his home at Horsham on 1 December at the age of 72.

Cyril Stokes Carter was born on 16 September 1896, and received his early education at Devonport High School. He served during the first world war, and on demobilization tried his vocation for the Catholic priesthood for a short time, but decided to take up medicine. He received his medical education at St. Mary's Hospital, London, qualifying with the Conjoint diploma in 1927. He married a member of the medical profession, and he and his wife were in partnership at Kenninghall, Norfolk, for several years before settling in general practice together at Wollaston, Northamptonshire. Owing to ill-health he retired some four years ago, and went to live at Horsham, Sussex.

His great interests were pictures and antiques, ecclesiastical architecture, and foreign travel. As recently as last September he had been to Southern Germany seeking out examples of baroque and rococo architecture.

He leaves his wife and a son and daughter, and will be greatly missed.—M. B. C.

**B. PETROVSKAIA, PH.D., M.B., CH.B.
D.P.M.**

Dr. B. Petrovskaja, assistant psychiatrist at the Lawn Hospital, Lincoln, died suddenly on 9 December at the age of 56.

Barbara Petrovskaja was born in Southern Russia but lived in Scotland from the age of 14. She was educated at Selkirk High School and Edinburgh University, graduating B.Sc. with first-class honours in physiology and proceeding Ph.D. She later turned to medicine and graduated M.B., Ch.B. in 1945, taking the D.P.M. in 1957. In her undergraduate days she won several prizes and after graduating in medicine remained in academic circles, lecturing in physiology and neurophysiology at Aberdeen University and later at London University and at the

Maudsley Hospital, where she worked as an experimental neurophysiologist. She then turned to clinical medicine and had a wide experience in junior posts before settling into psychiatry. She held registrar appointments in psychiatric hospitals in Chester and Norwich, and then became a medical assistant at Herrison Hospital in Dorchester, moving on to a further medical assistant appointment at the Lawn Hospital, Lincoln, where she was working at the time of her death.

Barbara Petrovskaja had a very strong leaning towards the academic in medicine, and was very widely read. She was a pleasant colleague to work with, and her death will be mourned by her many friends and ex-colleagues.—E. S. F.

A. W. and M. H. W. write: Endowed with high intelligence and a real love of learning, Barbara Petrovskaja was artistic, musical, and fluent in several languages. Born in Russia, she was 3 years old when the revolution broke out. Her family were landowners, and her father was a distinguished general in the Czarist army. After nine years of severe privation, during which her parents died from typhus fever, she escaped alone to Scotland to live with her mother's relatives in Selkirk. One effect of her early childhood suffering was lifelong deafness, which, however, did not daunt her enthusiasm or her courage. She was to need that courage. Her friends knew this and remember her with love and with sorrow.

J. A. McCLINTOCK, L.M.S.S.A.

Dr. J. A. McClintock, a general practitioner at Church Stretton, Shropshire, died on 4 December after a long illness borne with the patience, dignity, and complete faith which had characterized his whole life. He was 63.

John Anthony McClintock was born on 10 January 1905, and was educated at Malvern College and King's College, London, qualifying L.M.S.S.A. in 1934. After holding house appointments at King's and at St. Giles's Hospital, London, he joined his father in practice at Church Stretton in a brief but happy partnership ended by his father's sudden death. There in his beloved countryside he devoted himself to his patients and to the rural life of the district, where he became a magistrate and subsequently chairman of the magistrates' court. He was a foundation member of the College of General Practitioners.

Anthony was a practitioner of the finest type. To him people came for advice, not only for their illnesses, but for their personal troubles as well. No one went away who was not the better for the visit, and many were helped financially by his generosity. In his early days he played cricket for the Gentlemen of Shropshire, and was in the hospitals hockey side for many years. Later he became a great follower of the turf. His hobby was followed not for financial gain but because of his deep interest in all aspects of breeding and his love for the colourful aspect of a racecourse.

He was a wonderful man, a happy man. His patients will feel a loss difficult to fill, and his friends will be the poorer for a

companionship taken from them. He was unmarried, but was the guiding strength of a large family, to whom our sympathy is extended.—S. O. A. and W. L. K.

JEAN PATEL, M.D.

Many surgeons in Britain will regret the passing on 10 July at the age of 68 of Professor Jean Patel. His country, his profession, and innumerable friends have lost not only one of the best general surgeons of his generation but also a man distinguished both in mind and in character. He died suddenly, at the height of his powers, sitting working at his desk.



From 1950 onwards he held the chair of surgery at the Hôtel de Dieu, a worthy successor of a long line of surgeons of international repute, among them Hartmann, Cuneo, and Mondor. Like many Paris hospitals, the buildings were out of date, but such was his genius for administration that he slowly transformed them into modern hospitals, a task still incomplete. To his friends and colleagues he always remained the same—handsome, cheerful, active—and, though reserved, he shed around him an atmosphere of warmth and friendliness. His poise always seemed unshakable. He was a beautiful operator; someone once said of him that his hands were as intelligent as his head.

Though perhaps not a very original thinker, he was always at the growing points of surgery, and in more than 300 original papers his work covered a very wide range. In the early 1930s he wrote a classic thesis on closed injuries of the hand, and when assistant to François d'Allaine he was working on cardiac malformations and arterial disease. He did some of the first bypass operations. He was the co-editor of several standard textbooks, the most recent being the *Traité de Technique Chirurgicale*.

His interest in young people was intense, and he was very well aware of the gap between the generations. He wished to reform the methods of selection of candidates for higher posts because he felt that the "concours" system was often unjust to good men. This was the subject of his presidential

address to the French Congress of Surgery in 1962. Naturally every sort of professional honour came his way, but left him always humble and humane with an integrity which was absolute. He was a master for us all because he served us all. Our sympathy goes out to his wife and family.—H. W. S. W.

I. I. MAGEE, L.R.C.P.&S.I., D.P.M.

W. J. B. writes: It was with deep sorrow that I heard of the sudden death of Dr. I. I. Magee (obituary, 14 December, p. 711), as I had known him since he came to Derby in 1938. He lived there for 30 years, and it was his intention to remain in the district following his retirement at the end of the year. During this entire period he was associated with Kingsway Hospital, where he gave loyal and devoted service and held the appointment of deputy medical superintendent and consultant psychiatrist since 1952. He was interested in many outside activities, and in the field of mental health helped to establish outpatient clinics at the hospital and at Long Eaton. A warm-hearted Irishman with a ready wit, and a staunch Catholic, he gave his help and support readily to many organizations, and he will be greatly missed by his friends in the hospital service and in the community. Our sympathy is extended to his brother and sisters.

Colonel M. K. AFRIDI, S.P.K., C.B.E. M.D., F.R.C.P., D.T.M.&H., I.M.S.(RET.)

M. H. writes: After his retirement from the medical department in 1956 Colonel Afridi (obituary, 23 November, p. 521) was appointed director of the North Regional Laboratories in the Pakistan Council of Scientific and Industrial Research. In 1958 he became vice-chancellor of the University of Peshawar. He held that appointment until 1962, when he was appointed honorary consultant in malariology to the Ministry of Health, Pakistan. Colonel Afridi had close connexions with the World Health Organization, and had been a member or leader of delegations to health assemblies on nine occasions. He led a U.N. medical inquiry team to the United Nations Trust Territories in the Pacific Islands in 1965. He was awarded "Sitara-i-Pakistan" in 1958, and appointed Grand Master of the Order of

Merit of Brazil in 1964. In the latter years he received the Darling prize for malariology awarded by the World Health Organization, and Bose Bequest prize awarded by the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh for outstanding contributions to tropical medicine. He received wide recognition from professional societies.

Colonel Afridi was a man of great charm, dignity, and integrity who was loved and respected by all who had the privilege of coming in contact with him. His death has left a void that is hard to fill, and his passing is widely and deeply mourned. He leaves his wife, five sons, and two daughters, whose loss is shared by a very wide circle of his friends and admirers.

A. GRAHAM BRYCE, M.D., F.R.C.S. D.P.H.

K. A. writes: Mr. A. Graham Bryce (obituary, 9 November, p. 394) was my first "chief" when I qualified more than 20 years ago. His influence has remained with me more than that of anyone I have worked with since. He was a man of the utmost integrity, compassion, and selflessness. No person was too lowly or unimportant for him to listen to or help. He drove himself hard, yet his own fatigue was always brushed aside at the end of a six-hour operation in order to make sure that his patient was safely in bed, and that the rest of the team were still all in one piece. He is the only person I have heard point out to students that they must remember how uncomfortable it is for a patient to continue to breathe deeply and rapidly in and out during a prolonged chest examination, and that a rest must be given during this time—an obvious fact when you think, but so often people don't think. Such was the extent of his perception and thought for others. He led us by example all the time.

After I had left Manchester, I managed to return to the Infirmary at intervals for a year or two, and I was always received most warmly by him, and was told each time on leaving, "Never pass the door, always come and see me." Although the pace never relaxed, and there always seemed to be more to do than could be fitted into 24 hours each day, those first few months as a new houseman on a highly specialized unit were for me most happy ones, owing so much to his personality and leadership and his teaching, which was done so thoroughly and patiently. I am privileged to have known him and to have worked for him.